THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) Seventeen States/Union Territories have established separate Nodal Agencies for planning, promotion and cordination activities related to utilisation of Non-convention Energy for meeting energy requirements including power generation. In other States these activities are being handled by Departments/Agencies such as the Power Departments, Science & Technology Departments, State Electricity Boards, Rural Development Departments or Rural Works Departments, etc. In many States the work related to different firms of non-conventional energy is being handled by different agencies.

Although no directives have been issued in this regard by the Union Government, in the conference of Chief Ministers held in September, 1994, it was suggested to the States that for better Planning, implementation and promotion of non-conventional energy based power projects, a single dedicated empowered Agency/Board under the Energy/Power departments and in the interim, a separate call in the State Electricity Boards, may be set up.

Setting up of Power Plants based on Solar Thermal Technology

8259. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of solar thermal technology based power plants proposed to be set up in the country during the Eighth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) the names of the States where plants are proposed to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) An R&D-cum-Demonstration project of 35 MW capacity is proposed to be set up in Rajasthan during the Eighth Plan period subject to mobilisation of financial resources and necessary approvals.

Production of non conventional energy in Karnataka

8260. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total production of non-conventional energy in Karnataka;

(b) what is the amount allocated for the promotion of non-conventional Energy during the year 1994-95 and 1995-96;

(c) the NGO's which have come come forward to take up the promotion of non-conventional energy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) A total renewable energy generation capacity of 7.63 MW has been installed so far through wind power & small hydro power projects biomass gasifiers and solar photovoltaic systems in the State of Karnataka. Biogas and improved chulha installed in the State are expected to save about 10.3 lakh tonnes of fuelwood per year. Solar water heating system are expected to annually save about 153 lakh KWhr of thermal energy equivalent and solar photovoltaic systems about 25,000 Kwhr electricity, in the State of Karnataka.

(b) State-wise allocation of funds for various programmes of non-cnventinal energy sources are not made. Funds are provided based on physical targts, projects sanctioned and progress in implementation of various programmes in States during the year.

(c) Six major NGO's hav come forward to take up the promotion of non-

conventional energy in the State to Karnataka, besides a large number of rural based NGO's involved through local implementating agencies.

Instaliation of Solar Cookers in Rajasthan

8261. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed any targets to instal solar cookers in Rajasthan during the Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken so far to instal and popularise solar cookers in Rajasthan during the year 1995-96 as compared to 1994-95 and the expenditure likely to be incurred during the current year in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) During the Eighth Five Year Plan period, the targets for solar cookers allocated to Rajasthan for 1992-93 and 1993-94 were 3500 and 2000 respectively. From 1994-95, central subsidy on solar cooker has been withdrawn and instead financial assistance is being provided to States/UTs for infractural development, publicity and preopagation of solar cookers with provision of indicative goals. The indicative goal given to the State of Rajasthan during 1994-95 and 1995-96 is 2500 nos. of solar cookers each year.

(c) An amount of Rs. 5.5 lakh has been allocated to Rajasthan during 1995-96 for organising publicity Campaign, providing support to manufacturers, establishing sales outlets/centres and organizing trainings and demonstrations etc. as compared to Rs. 4.5 lakh provided during 1994-95. The utilisation of funds provided in the current year will depend on the implementation of the programme by the State Government.

LTC Facilities for Spouse Working Private Sector Bank and Central Government

8262. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether out of husband and wife, one of whom is employed under the Central Government and the other in a Private Sector Bank, can avail the leave travel concession facility for each one of them on separate dates, once by the husband and on another date by the wife in respect of both;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The provisions of Central Civil Services (LTC) Rules, 1988 do not apply to persons eligible to any other form of travel concession available during leave or otherwise.

Filling false affidavit in the courts

8263. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether filing of prima facie false affidavit by high officers of Government of India in Courts of Law in general and High Courts and the Supreme Court of India in particular, constitutes a misconduct if it is held false by the court under relevant rules attracting imposition of penalties; and

(b) if so, the details of relevant provisions that govern such misconducts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Any Government servant making a false statement in an affidavit filed